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DIRECTIONS

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Lord Lieutenant AND COUNCIL:

RULES, ORDERS and Directions made and Eſtabliſhed by Us the Lord Lieutenant and Councel, for the better Regulating the ſeveral Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations of *Cork*, *Waterford*, *Kingſale*, *Yougball*, *Caſhell*, *Clonmell*, *Athlone*, *Londonderry*, *Carrigfergus*, *Colerain*, *Strabane*, *Charlemont*, *Trym*, *Dundalke*, *Kilkenny*, *Wexford* and *Roſs*, in the County of *Wexford*, and the Electing of *Magiſtrates* and Officers there.

ESSEX.

WHEREAS in and by one Act of Parliament, lately made in this Kingdom; Entituled, An Act for the Explaining of ſome doubts ariſing upon An Act; Entituled, An Act, for the better Execution of His Majeſties Gracious Declaration for the Settlement of His Kingdom of *Ireland*, and Satisfaction of the ſe-

veral intereſts of Adventurers, Souldiers, and other His Subjects there; And for making ſome alterations of, and additions unto the ſaid Act, for the more ſpeedy and effectual Settlement of the ſaid Kingdom.

IT is amongſt other things therein contained, Enacted, That it ſhall, and may be lawful to, and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor, or Governors, and Council of *Ireland* for the time being, from time to time, and at all times to come, during the ſpace of Seven years, to be accompted from the Nine and twentieth day of *September*, One thouſand ſix hundred ſixty five, to make and eſtabliſh ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions, for the better regulating of all Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations, both New and Old, and ſuch as ſhall be created within this Kingdom, and the Electing of Magiſtrates and Officers there, and to inflict ſuch penalties for the breach thereof, as they in their wiſedomes ſhall think fit, ſo as the penalties for breach of the Rules, Orders, and Directions to be made, touching ſuch Corporations, do not extend farther than to the Removal and Disfranchiſment of ſuch Perſons, as ſhall be found guilty of the breach thereof; and ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions, ſo to be made as aforeſaid, ſhall be as good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purpoſes, as if the ſame had been ſpecially and particularly Eſtabliſhed by Authority of this preſent Parliament, and ſhall remain, continue, and abide in force, for ſuch and ſo long time, as in the ſaid Rules, Orders, and Directions ſhall be limited and appointed, any thing in the ſaid Act, or otherwiſe to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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WE the Lord Lieutenant and Counsil, in pursuance of the said Act, and the Authority thereby given unto Us, have thought fit to make and Establish; And We do hereby Make and Establish the Rules, Orders, and Directions hereafter mentioned, for the better Regulating of the aforesaid several Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations and the Electing of Magistrates and Officers there.

First, That upon all Elections to be hereafter made, after the Last day of December next, of any person or persons to serve in any of the Offices of chief Magistrate or Magistrates, Recorder, Sheriffs, or Town Clerk of any of the said several Cities, walled Towns or Corporations, the names of the persons so Elected to serve in the said several Offices, shall be by the said Corporations forthwith after such Election presented to the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and the Privy Council of this Kingdom to be approved of by them, and the said persons so Elected for any the said Offices, shall be forever hereafter incapable of serving in the said several Offices, or any of them, untill they shall be respectively approved of by the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and the Privy Council of this Kingdom by Order under their Hands; And in case the persons, or any of them, whose names shall be so presented to the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours

and Council of this Kingdom, shall not be so approved of within Ten dayes after their names shall be so presented, then and in such case the said Corporations shall from time to time proceed to a new Election of fit persons for the said respective Offices, for which the persons so presented, shall not be so approved of, and shall in like manner present their names to the said Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and Privy Council of this Kingdom, untill they shall have chosen such persons for the said respective Offices, as shall be so approved of as aforesaid.

And that all such of the said Officers that are Annually chosen, who by the Charters of the said respective Cities, Walled Towns or Corporations, or any of them, have not been usually Elected three moneths before the day whereon they are to enter upon the Execution of their said respective Offices, shall for ever hereafter be Elected for the said respective Offices on that day Three moneths, which shall precede the day whereon they are to enter upon the Execution of the said respective Offices, unless the said day shall happen on a Sunday, and then the said Election to be on the day following (the said three moneths to be accounted Kallendar moneths) to the end that there may be sufficient time between such their Election, and their entring upon the Execution of their said respective Offices for the obtaining of the approbation of the Lord Lieutenant and Council, or other chief Governour or Governours,

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and Council of this Kingdom, and for the making of new Elections in the places of such who shall not be so approved of.

Provided always that this Rule shall not extend to the Election of any persons in any of the said Cities, Walled Towns or Corporations, who shall be chosen in the place of any such of the said Officers that are annually chosen who shall dye within the year of their Execution of the said respective Offices, or within one Moneth before they are to enter upon the Execution thereof.

Secondly, That no person or persons, that shall hereafter be Elected, either Mayor, Bayliff, Sovereign, Portreef, Burgomaster, Recorder, Sheriffs, Treasurer, Alderman, Town-Clerk, Burgess, or one of the Common-councel, or any Magistrate, or such or the like Officer within the said several Cities, Walled Towns, & Corporations, or Master, or Wardens of any Corporation Guild, or Fraternity within the said several Cities Walled Towns, or Corporations shall be capable of holding, enjoying or executing any the said Offices, places or imployments, until he or they shall have taken the Oath of Supremacy, Established by Act of Parliament 2do Elizabethæ in this Kingdom, and the Oath of Allegiance, besides the Oaths usually taken upon the admission of any per-

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ſons into the ſaid Reſpective Offices, places, or Employments. And alſo this enſuing Oath, viz. I *A. B.* do Declare and Believe, That it is not lawful, upon any pretence whatſoever, to take Arms againſt the KING; And that I doabhor that Trayterous Poſition of taking Arms by His Authority againſt His Perſon, or againſt thoſe that are Commiſſioned by him. So help me GOD. The ſaid Oaths to be taken, before ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall admit them to the ſaid ſeveral Offices, places, and employments (who are hereby impowered authorized and required to adminiſter to them the ſaid Oaths) and upon any ſuch perſon or perſons refuſal to take the ſaid Oaths, The Election of any ſuch perſon or perſons into any the ſaid Offices, places, or employments, is hereby declared to be abſolutely null and void (ſuch perſons onely excepted, with whoſe taking the ſaid Oath of Supremacy, the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governour or Governours of this Kingdom for the time being, for ſome particular reaſons ſhall think fit, by writing under his or their hand by Name to diſpence.

Thirdly, That all Foreigners, Strangers, and Aliens, as well others as Proteſtants, who are or ſhall be Merchants, Traders, Artizans, Artificers, Seamen, or otherwiſe ſkilled and exerciſed in any Myſtery, Craft, or Trade; or in the working or making any manufacture or in the Art of Navigation, who are at preſent reſiding and

and inhabiting within this Kingdom, to who shall at any time hereafter come into the said several Cities, Walled Town, or Corporation, with intent and resolution there to inhabit, reside, and dwell, shall upon his or their resonable suit or request made, and upon payment down, or tender of Twenty shillings by way of Fine, unto the Chief Magistrate, or Magistrates, and Common-Councel; or other persons authorized to admit, & make Freemen of such of the said several Cities, wal'd Towns or Corporation, where he or they do intend to inhabit, reside, or dwell, be admitted a Freeman of any of the said several Cities, Walled Towns, or Corporation: And if he or they shall desire it, of all or any Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or other mystery within any of the said several Cities, Walled Towns, or Corporations, during his or their residence for the most part, and his and their Families constant inhabiting within the said several Cities, Walled Towns or Corporations and no longer; and shall have, exercise, and enjoy all priviledges and immunities of Trading, Buying, Working and Selling, in as large and ample manner as any Freeman of any the said several Cities, Walled Towns, or Corporation might have, exercise or enjoy by vertue of his or their Freedom: And that every such person or persons, who shall be admitted to be free as aforesaid, shall from thenceforth be deemed, esteemed, and taken, and be Denizen and Denizens within this Kingdom, any Law Statute, Charter

Vſage, or Cuſtome of this Kingdom, or of any of the ſaid ſeveral Cities, Walled Towns, or Corporations to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding. Provided alwayes, That all ſuch Strangers, Artificers, and others, to be admitted Freemen as aforeſaid, ſhall take the Oath of Allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and Succeſſors, and alſo ſuch other Oaths as are accuſtomably taken by all or any Freeman, or members of the ſaid ſeveral Cities, Walled Towns, or Corporations or by any the members of any ſuch Guild, or Brotherhood; Society, or Fellowſhip of the Trade, Craft, or other myſtery, which he or they ſhall occupy, or exercize, in caſe he or they ſhall deſire to be incorporated into any ſuch Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowſhip aforeſaid, and ſhall pay all ſuch and like Charges, as all Freemen his Majeſties ſubjects, of the like Trade, Craft, or myſtery, ſhall or do uſe to pay, and no other or more; And that if any Chief Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, or other perſons authorized as aforeſaid, of any the ſaid ſeveral Cities, wal'd Towns, or Corporations; or any Maſter, Warden, or other Governour of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowſhip; or any Trade, Craft, or myſtery within the ſaid ſeveral Cities, walled Towns or Corporations ſhall refuſe to admit any ſuch Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, reſiding or coming into this Kingdom, with intent as aforeſaid, to be a Free-man of any the ſaid ſeveral Cities, wall'd Towns, or Corporations

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where he or they intend to inhabit, reside, or dwell; or to be a Brother or member of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship within them or any of them every such chief Magistrate or Magistrates, Master, Warden, or other Governours respectively, shall upon complaint and due proof made, of such refusal, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and Council of this Kingdom, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thencefoyth incapable (without their Licence) of being a Freeman or member of any such City, Town, or Corporation; And every such Stranger being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, upon tender by him made of Twenty shillings, by way of Fine as aforesaid, and taking the Oath of Allegiance before any Justice of the Peace, of the County next adjacent to such City, Town, or Corporation, or wherein such City, Town, or Corporation is scituated (who is hereby authorized and appointed to administer the said Oath) shall thereupon by vertue hereof, be deemed, reputed, and taken to all intents and purposes to be a Freeman or member of the said City, Town, Corporation, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery, where he or they shall inhabit, reside, or dwell, and be denied admission as aforesaid; And thencefoyth have, exercize, and enjoy the liberty and priviledge of Trading, Working, Buying or Selling of any commodities whatsoever, in as large and

ample manner, as if he had been admitted a Freeman of such City, Town, or Corporation, a Brother or member of such Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery within the same, taking the usual Oaths of such Freemen, Brothers or members, which Oaths any one Justice of Peace near adjoyning, shall have power to administer, and paying all such charges as aforesaid, any Law, Custome, Charter or Usage, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And in case any person or persons shall give any interruption or disturbance to any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman, or Seaman as aforesaid, to the hindring him in his Trading, Working, Buying or Selling as aforesaid, contrary to the intent and meaning hereof, all and every such person and persons so offending, shall upon like complaint and proof made of his or their offence therein, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours and Council of this Kingdom for the time being, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thenceforth incapable without their Licence of being made a Freeman or member of any of the said several Cities, Walled Towns, or Corporations

And these Our Rules, Orders, & directions, We do hereby Order and Establish for ever hereafter, to continue in force in all the aforesaid several Cities, Walled Towns and Corporations of Cork Waterford, Kingsale, Youghall, Cashell, Clonmell, Athlone, Londondery,

dery Carickfergus, Colerain, Strabane, Charlemont, Trym, Dundalke, Kilkenny, Wexford, and Roſs. And that the ſame be forthwith inrolled in the Rolls of his Majeſties high-court of Chancery in this Kingdom.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Dublin*, the Three and Twentieth day of *September*, 1672.

Ja. Armachanus. Mich. Dublin *Canc.* Drogheda. Arran. Conway & Kilulta. Maſſereene. Hen. Midenſis. Fran. Aungier. Art. Forbeſe. Jo. Byſſe. Rob. Byron. Will. Stewart. H. Ingoldesby. Theo. Jones. Char. Meredyth.

GOD ſave the King.